



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

October 11, 2021
Renewed

Permit No. QC 925

**SPECIAL PERMIT TO SHIP FRESH BLUEBERRIES
FROM MICHIGAN TO CALIFORNIA**

Under authority of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits), permission is granted to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to authorize shipments of fumigated fresh blueberries grown in and shipped from Michigan to California, which would otherwise be prohibited entry into California under the requirements of Section 3266, Plum Curculio and Blueberry Maggot State Exterior Quarantine, under the following conditions:

MDARD shall ensure that:

1. Each shipment of blueberries shall have been fumigated with methyl bromide at atmospheric pressure by one of the following schedules:
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 2 hours at 27.7°C (82°F) or above; or
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 2-1/2 hours at 22.2-27.2°C (72-81°F); or
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 3 hours at 16.6-21.6°C (62-71°F); or
 - 32 g/m³ (2 lbs/1,000 ft³) for 3-1/2 hours at 10-16.1°C (50-61°F).
2. The fumigation shall be done by applicators that are registered or certified in fumigation pest control.
3. Each fumigation shall be monitored and supervised by an authorized representative of the MDARD.
4. Each shipment of blueberries shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by an authorized representative of the MDARD evidencing compliance with the fumigation requirements of this permit. This certificate also shall state the number of cartons in the shipment and the name and address of the consignee.
5. The vehicle transporting each shipment of fumigated blueberries to California shall be sealed at origin under the supervision of an authorized representative of the MDARD. If the blueberries are shipped by air, the plane cargo container need not be sealed, provided an authorized representative of the MDARD stamps each sub-container verifying the



blueberries have been fumigated and certified as required by this permit. The stamp at all times shall be maintained by and under the control of the MDARD.

6. Each shipment of fumigated blueberries shall be subject to inspection by plant quarantine officials in California.

Violation of any of the conditions of this permit, or the detection of any serious live plant pest in any shipment authorized by this permit, shall be sufficient cause for immediate revocation of this permit and destruction of the fruit, or return of the fruit to origin at the expense of the shipper.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through October 31, 2022.

Sincerely,

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